

Concord Apr. 17th
1857

Mr. Blake,

I returned
from New Bedford night
before last. I met Scott
there & learned from him
that probably you had gone
to Concord. I am very sorry
that I missed you. I had
expected you earlier, & at
last thought that I should
get back before you came,
but I ought to have no-
tified you of my absence.
However, it would have
been too late, as I had
made up my mind & go.
I hope you lost nothing
by going a little round.
I took out the
Celtis seeds, at your request,
at the time we took them

and left them in the
pantry or some shelf
or other. If you have
found them very well;
if you have not found
them very well; but tell
Rale fit, if you see him.

My mother says
that you & Brown &
Rogers & Watson (littles
left behind) talk of "coming
down on me some day."
Do not fail to come
one & all, and within
a week or two, if possible;
else I may be gone again.
Give me a short notice
and then come & spend
a day on Concord River-
or bay, that you will
come if it's fair, unless
you are confident of
bringing fair weather with
you. Come the Concord,

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as I have been Worcestered.
Perhaps you came
miser & me for not finding
me at home, for trains
I thought the more con-
nect when trains go
do not. If I had ac-
tually met you, you would
would have gone again, but
now I have not yet dismissed
you. Hear what you say,
about personal relations
with joy. It is as if you
were ~~else~~ say, I value the
best & finest part of
you, & not the worst. I
can even endure your very
near & real approach, &
prefer it to a shake of the
hand. This intercourse is
not subject to time or dis-

a very long
distance

Chotmandley which I wish
to show you. He speaks
of sending me more books!!

If I were with you now
I could tell you much
of Ricketson, and my visit
to Mr. Bedford, but I do
not know how it will be by
& by. I should like to have
you meet R. who is the
banker's man I know.
Also Mr. & Mrs. get along very
well together.

Channing has returned to
Concord with me, probably
for a short visit only!

Consider this "a business
letter, which you know
wants nothing in the
game we play.

Remember me particularly
to Brown.

[Henry D. Thoreau]
"Tomee."

"I have a new
& faithful & loyed
but the been eat out N.E.C.B."